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Interviews: 2,107 adults  
Dates: December 7-10, 2000

48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

## FINAL

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**The margin of error for 2,107 interviews is  $\pm 2.2\%$**

Unless otherwise noted by a "+", all previous data shown reflects responses among all adults.

- 1a. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Registered.....	88	[113]
Not registered.....	12	
Not sure.....	-	

- 2a. All in all, do you think that things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>2/91+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/92+</u>	
Right direction.....	39	48	51	48	44	44	65	14	[114]
Wrong track.....	43	32	29	32	38	34	22	71	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	18	16	17	15	19	9	9	
Not sure.....	4	2	4	3	3	3	4	6	
		<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>			
		49	55	49	46	43			
		34	28	34	37	41			
		15	15	15	14	13			
		2	2	2	3	3			

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- 2b. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>8/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>6/93</u>	
Approve.....	66	60	60	58	60	58	68	68	41	[115]
Disapprove.....	29	35	35	36	35	37	29	29	50	
Not sure.....	5	5	5	6	5	5	3	3	9	
		<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>				
		59	60	65	61	60				
		35	34	30	34	34				

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2c. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling the economy?

	<u>12/00*</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>1/99</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>7/93</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	74	70	69	72	68	69	78	40	40
Disapprove.....	18	20	25	23	25	23	17	51	51
Not sure.....	8	10	6	5	7	8	5	9	9
		<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>			
		73	74	71	70	66			
		19	18	23	22	27			
		8	8	6	8	7			

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2d. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing in handling our foreign policy?

	<u>12/00**</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>High</u> <u>10/98+</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>9/94</u>	
Approve.....	59	54	55	57	51	49	70	32	
Disapprove.....	31	34	35	35	38	35	26	60	
Not sure.....	10	12	10	8	11	16	4	8	
		<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>	<u>6/99</u>			
		50	52	49	54	50			
		39	39	41	37	41			
		11	9	10	9	9			

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\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

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3. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Congress is doing?

	<u>12/00*</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>9/00+</u>	<u>7/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>High</u> <u>9/98</u>	<u>Low</u> <u>10/90+</u>	
Approve.....	55	49	46	46	43	42	61	22	
Disapprove.....	30	35	41	42	46	44	28	69	
Not sure.....	15	16	13	12	11	14	11	9	
		<u>3/00+</u>	<u>1/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>9/99</u>	<u>7/99</u>		
		43	48	45	42	40	43		
		40	36	42	45	49	41		
		17	16	13	13	11	16		
		<u>6/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>3/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>10/98+</u>		
		40	49	41	50	44	48		
		42	38	45	40	42	39		
		18	13	14	10	14	13		

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4. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures and institutions, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[119]</b>
December 2000.....	33	23	11	12	21	-	
Likely voters November 2000+.....	22	20	11	11	35	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	25	23	8	12	32	-	
September 2000+.....	25	25	10	13	27	-	
August 2000+.....	24	22	11	13	30	-	
July 2000+.....	22	27	11	12	28	-	
June 2000+.....	20	27	12	14	27	-	
April 2000+.....	22	27	13	11	27	-	
March 2000+.....	24	26	14	12	24	-	
January 2000.....	23	29	14	12	21	1	
December 1999.....	20	29	15	14	22	-	
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<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
June 1999.....	19	25	12	15	28	1	
September 1998.....	18	22	17	14	29	-	
<hr/>							
<b>George W. Bush</b>							<b>[120/127]</b>
December 2000.....	23	25	16	13	22	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	19	11	19	20	-	
Likely voters November 3-5, 2000+..	30	23	13	13	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	28	25	15	13	18	1	
September 2000+.....	23	26	15	15	19	2	
August 2000+.....	28	23	17	14	17	1	
July 2000+.....	24	28	14	14	18	2	
June 2000+.....	16	29	23	15	15	2	
April 2000+.....	17	29	22	13	16	3	
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	
January 2000.....	22	30	22	13	9	4	
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<i>High</i>							
April 1999.....	23	32	25	8	6	6	
<i>Low</i>							
March 2000+.....	19	26	21	15	17	2	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Al Gore</b>							<b>[121/128]</b>
December 2000.....	23	21	11	14	30	1	
November 27, 2000.....	31	16	10	17	26	-	
Likely voters November 3-5, 2000+..	25	22	15	17	20	1	
Likely voters October 2000+.....	24	25	11	15	25	-	
September 2000+.....	26	26	14	15	18	1	
August 2000+.....	22	22	19	15	21	1	
July 2000+.....	17	26	18	15	23	1	
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
April 2000+.....	15	26	20	16	21	2	
March 2000+.....	17	27	20	16	18	2	
January 2000.....	16	29	21	16	16	2	
<b>High</b>							
January 1993.....	23	32	22	9	6	8	
<b>Low</b>							
June 2000+.....	12	25	24	17	21	1	
<b>Joe Lieberman</b>							<b>[122/129]</b>
December 2000.....	18	22	25	11	12	12	
October 2000+.....	19	28	27	9	6	11	
September 2000+.....	17	26	26	8	6	17	
August 2000+.....	19	21	27	7	4	22	
<b>Dick Cheney</b>							<b>[123/130]</b>
December 2000.....	23	26	22	10	11	8	
October 2000+.....	25	24	26	8	9	8	
September 2000+.....	17	26	22	12	8	15	
July 2000+.....	19	23	26	9	6	17	

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Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Hillary Clinton</b>							<b>[124]</b>
December 2000 *.....	27	23	16	10	23	1	
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
September 2000+.....	19	23	16	13	28	1	
June 2000+.....	19	22	16	13	29	1	
April 2000+.....	18	22	18	12	27	3	
March 2000+.....	18	24	19	15	23	1	
January 2000.....	21	23	18	13	24	1	
December 1999.....	19	22	17	13	28	1	
October 1999.....	21	24	13	16	25	1	
September 1999.....	20	22	16	14	26	2	
July 1999.....	25	23	18	12	20	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 1999.....	35	23	16	11	14	1	
<i>Low</i>							
October 2000+.....	20	19	15	14	31	1	
<b>The Republican Party</b>							<b>[125]</b>
December 2000 *.....	18	26	23	14	18	1	
October 2000+.....	14	29	25	16	14	2	
September 2000+.....	14	33	19	20	13	1	
August 2000+.....	19	27	23	14	15	2	
July 2000+.....	15	28	24	16	15	2	
June 2000+.....	9	30	28	16	15	2	
April 2000+.....	11	31	25	16	15	2	
March 2000.....	13	26	27	17	14	3	
January 2000.....	13	29	27	16	14	1	
December 1999.....	12	29	23	18	15	3	
June 1999.....	11	26	27	18	15	3	
<i>High</i>							
January 1995.....	17	33	25	13	9	3	
<i>Low</i>							
March 1999.....	11	22	23	19	23	2	
January 1999.....	13	23	20	18	24	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

Q.4 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Trent Lott</b>							[126]
December 2000 *	6	11	21	9	10	43	
July 2000+	4	12	20	10	11	43	
January 1999	5	14	28	10	9	34	
December 1997	3	7	18	9	6	57	
October 1997	3	9	22	7	3	56	
July 1997	5	11	18	7	4	55	
June 1997	5	10	19	7	4	55	
April 1997	6	10	17	4	2	61	
March 1997	4	11	19	5	3	58	
January 1997	6	10	14	3	2	65	
December 1996	5	9	18	4	2	62	
<b>The Democratic Party</b>							[131]
December 2000 **	23	23	18	16	18	2	
October 2000+	20	27	20	15	16	2	
September 2000+	23	26	19	17	14	1	
August 2000+	21	26	23	16	13	1	
July 2000+	19	27	24	15	14	1	
June 2000+	15	32	23	15	13	2	
April 2000+	14	34	21	15	15	1	
March 2000+	18	28	27	13	12	2	
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
December 1999	17	29	24	16	12	2	
June 1999	16	29	25	13	15	2	
<i>High</i>							
January 2000	20	30	23	15	10	2	
<i>Low</i>							
December 1994	10	23	25	24	16	2	
<b>Tom DeLay</b>							[132]
December 2000 **	2	7	19	5	8	59	
July 2000+	3	7	18	4	9	59	
July 1999	2	7	19	3	4	65	
<b>Tom Daschle</b>							[133]
December 2000 **	3	7	17	5	4	64	
<b>Ralph Nader</b>							[134]
December 2000 **	8	23	30	15	13	11	
October 2000+	11	20	31	10	12	16	
September 2000+	12	20	27	14	13	14	
June 2000+	10	23	30	9	6	22	
April 2000+	9	19	31	12	8	21	
May 1996	14	23	28	9	6	20	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

**(ASK ONLY RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1.)**

5a. As you may know, in the November 7 election for president, almost fifty percent of Americans did not have an opportunity to vote. Did you happen to vote in the election for president? **(IF "YES," ASK:)** For whom did you vote--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

	<u>12/7- 10/00</u>		<u>12/4/00</u>	<u>11/27/00</u>	<u>11/13/00</u>	<u>11/8/00</u>	
Voted--Al Gore.....	45		44	0	0	47	<b>[135]</b>
Voted--George W. Bush.....	45		45	44	46	46	
Voted--Ralph Nader.....	3	<b>Skip to Q.6a</b>	3	3	3	2	
Voted--Pat Buchanan.....	-		-	-	-	-	
Voted--other (VOL).....	2		4	4	1	1	
Did NOT vote <sup>1</sup> .....	-	<b>CONTINUE</b>	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Not sure.....	5	<b>SKIP TO Q.6a</b>	4	3	3	4	

<sup>1</sup> Results shown reflect responses among those who do NOT say they did not vote.

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1 OR WHO SAY THEY DID NOT VOTE IN Q.5a.)**

5b. If you had voted, who would you have voted for--Al Gore, the Democrat, George W. Bush, the Republican, Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, or Pat Buchanan, the Reform Party candidate?

	<u>12/7- 10/00</u>	<u>12/4/00</u>	<u>11/27/00</u>	<u>11/13/00</u>	
Al Gore.....	51	50	54	48	<b>[136]</b>
George W. Bush.....	34	37	36	39	
Ralph Nader.....	6	2	5	4	
Pat Buchanan.....	3	-	-	1	
Other (VOL).....	3	5	2	3	
Not sure.....	3	6	3	5	

**(ASK ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE REGISTERED IN Q.1 OR WHO SAY THEY DID NOT VOTE IN Q.5a.)**

6. Which one of the following best explains why you did not vote in the November 7 election?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

I didn't have time to go to the polls.....	27	<b>[137]</b>
I didn't like the candidates.....	12	
I am not interested in politics.....	11	
The voting process is too complicated.....	4	
I didn't think this election was important enough to vote in...	1	
Other (VOL).....	43	
Not sure.....	2	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

6a. Do you agree or disagree with the new decision just made by the Florida State Supreme Court to order a complete recount of all the ballots that did not record a vote for president when tabulated by the voting machines?

Agree.....	50	<b>[419]</b>
Disagree.....	47	
Not sure.....	3	



**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

6b. Which of the following presidential voting results do you think should be used to determine the winner--the initial certified vote count by the Florida Secretary of State, which certified George W. Bush as the winner, OR the new vote count now ordered by the Florida State Supreme Court?

Count by the Florida Secretary of State....	46	<b>[420]</b>
Count ordered by the Florida State		
Supreme Court.....	49	
Not sure.....	5	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 10)**

6b1. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision made on Saturday by the United States Supreme Court to stop the Florida recount until the Supreme Court can hear the arguments on the legality of the recount?

Approve.....	53	<b>[429]</b>
Disapprove.....	43	
Not sure.....	4	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 10)**

6b2. If the United States Supreme Court's final decision is to NOT allow the recount of unrecorded ballots, would this be acceptable or unacceptable to you?

Acceptable.....	57	<b>[430]</b>
Unacceptable.....	41	
Not sure.....	2	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 10)**

6b3. Do you think that the United States Supreme Court is or is not the proper place to decide who won the presidential election in Florida?

Is the proper place.....	44	<b>[431]</b>
Is NOT the proper place.....	46	
Not sure.....	10	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 10)**

6b4. Do you think that the five-to-four decision reached by the United States Supreme Court to stop the recount is based mostly on the law, or do you think that it is based mostly on politics?

Based mostly on the law.....	34	<b>[432]</b>
Based mostly on politics.....	53	
Some of both.....	7	
Not sure.....	6	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

6c. If George W. Bush wins the election, do you think that he will or will not have won the presidency legitimately?

George W. Bush will have won the		
presidency legitimately.....	60	<b>[421]</b>
George W. Bush will NOT have won the		
presidency legitimately.....	32	
Not sure.....	8	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

6d. If Al Gore wins the election, do you think that he will or will not have won the presidency legitimately?

Al Gore will have won the presidency legitimately.....	49	[422]
Al Gore will NOT have won the presidency legitimately.....	41	
Not sure.....	10	

7a. Do you think George W. Bush has or has not won the presidency?

	12/7- 10/00*	12/4/00	11/27/00	
George W. Bush has won the presidency.....	56	63	61	[138]
George W. Bush has not won the presidency.....	33	25	28	
Not sure.....	11	12	11	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

7a1. Which of the following best describes your point of view: **(A)** The situation we are in is a constitutional crisis, **(B)** the situation we are in is not a constitutional crisis yet, but it is likely to turn into one, OR **(C)** the situation we are in will be resolved before it turns into a constitutional crisis?

	12/00	11/13/00	
<b>(A)</b> Situation is a constitutional crisis.....	15	8	[423]
<b>(B)</b> Situation is likely to turn into a constitutional crisis. .	36	32	
<b>(C)</b> Situation will be resolved before it turns into a constitutional crisis.....	46	56	
Not sure.....	3	4	

7c. If George W. Bush wins the presidency in Florida, do you think that he will have won because he received more votes than Al Gore, or do you think that he will have won because of a flawed system that did not count all of Al Gore's votes?

Bush will have won because he received more votes than Gore.....	46	[140]
Bush will have won because of a flawed system.....	42	
Some of both (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	7	

7d. If George W. Bush is elected, he will have won the electoral vote but not the popular vote. Do you think that this would or would not lessen his legitimacy as president?

Would lessen his legitimacy as president.....	34	[141]
Would not lessen his legitimacy as president....	59	
Not sure.....	7	

7e. If George W. Bush becomes president, which of the following best describes how you would feel? <sup>1</sup>

Very happy that he is president and confident that he will do a good job.....	28	[142]
Pleased that he is president and not certain about how good a job he will do.....	19	
Accepting of his presidency but skeptical about how good a job he will do.....	30	
Unhappy that he is president and skeptical about how good a job he will do.....	22	
Not sure.....	1	

<sup>1</sup> Asked only of 1,867 respondents.

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

7e1. If Al Gore becomes president, which of the following best describes how you would feel? <sup>1</sup>

Very happy that he is president and confident that he will do a good job.....	26	[424]
Pleased that he is president and not certain about how good a job he will do.....	19	
Accepting of his presidency but skeptical about how good a job he will do.....	25	
Unhappy that he is president and skeptical about how good a job he will do.....	29	
Not sure.....	1	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

7f1. Which of these two statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** Al Gore should concede.

**Statement B:** Al Gore should not concede yet.

	12/8-10/00	12/4/00 <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Statement A</b> --Al Gore should concede.....	49	59	[425]
<b>Statement B</b> --Al Gore should not concede yet.....	49	38	
Not sure.....	2	3	

<sup>1</sup> On December 4, Statement A read, "Now that a Florida State court has denied the Gore campaign's request for a hand count in several Florida counties, Al Gore should concede and stop all court actions," and Statement B read, "Al Gore should not concede yet and should continue to await the results from the cases filed in the State's Supreme Court."

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

7f2. If the vote recount is not completed by next Tuesday, which is the day presidential electors are to be selected, do you feel that the deadline for the recount should or should not be extended?

Should be extended.....	39	[426]
Should NOT be extended.....	57	
Not sure.....	4	

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

7f3. It is possible that the presidential electors from Florida could be chosen by the United States Congress. Would you approve or disapprove of this?

Approve.....	42	<b>[427]</b>
Disapprove.....	48	
Not sure.....	10	

7g. The Florida State legislature has called a special session that may result in appointing the State's twenty-five presidential electors for George W. Bush, regardless of any decisions pending in the Florida courts. If the State legislature did appoint the state's electors, would you approve or disapprove of their action? \*\*

Approve.....	40	<b>[144]</b>
Disapprove.....	49	
Mixed (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	7	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

8a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way **(READ ITEM)** have been handling the situation with the vote count in the presidential election?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Mixed Feelings (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>Al Gore and his campaign</b>					<b>[145]</b>
December 2000.....	44	48	6	2	
November 27, 2000.....	42	47	9	2	
November 13, 2000.....	47	38	10	5	
<b>George W. Bush and his campaign</b>					<b>[146]</b>
December 2000.....	56	36	6	2	
November 27, 2000.....	46	41	10	3	
November 13, 2000.....	47	36	12	5	

8b. How would you feel if **(READ NAME)** were declared the winner of the presidential election--would you say that you feel comfortable with him and prepared to support him as our new president, or not?

	<u>Comfortable And Prepared To Support</u>	<u>Not Comfortable And Prepared To Support</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>Al Gore</b>				<b>[147]</b>
December 2000.....	60	37	3	
November 27, 2000.....	62	34	4	
November 13, 2000.....	66	31	3	
<b>George W. Bush</b>				<b>[148]</b>
December 2000.....	66	31	3	
November 27, 2000.....	65	31	4	
November 13, 2000.....	69	28	3	

- 9a. Regardless of who wins the presidential election, and given that the results are so close, please tell me which one of these two statements comes closer to your point of view.

**Statement A:** The country will be able to unite behind the winner, who will go on to accomplish a lot in the next four years.

**Statement B:** The country will remain divided, and it will be hard for the winner to accomplish a lot over the next four years.

	12/7- 10/00	11/27/00	
<b>Statement A</b> --The country will be able to unite.....	38	38	<b>[149]</b>
<b>Statement B</b> --The country will remain divided.....	55	54	
Not sure.....	7	8	

- 9b. As you may know, presidents are chosen not by direct popular vote, but by the electoral college system, in which each state receives electoral votes based on its population. In this election, Al Gore won the popular vote, and George W. Bush appears to have won the electoral vote. Would you favor passing a constitutional amendment that would determine the winner of the presidential election by popular vote, or would you rather continue the current system, which determines the winner by electoral votes? \*

Favor passing a constitutional amendment.....	50	<b>[150]</b>
Continue with current electoral college system.....	44	
Not sure.....	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 10a. Which issue do you think will be most important for the new president and Congress to address immediately? \*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Improvement in education.....	26	<b>[151]</b>
Social Security reforms.....	14	
National security and defense.....	13	
Prescription drug benefits for senior citizens.....	11	
Tax cuts.....	8	
Medicare reforms.....	8	
All equally (VOL).....	16	
None/other (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 10b. Which do you think should be a greater priority for the next president of the United States--maintaining economic growth or restoring moral and family values?

	12/00*	Likely Voters			
		11/00+	10/00+	9/00+	
Maintaining economic growth.....	37	31	28	44	<b>[152]</b>
Restoring moral and family values.....	40	38	42	36	
Both (VOL).....	21	28	27	18	
Neither/other (VOL).....	1	1	1	1	
Not sure.....	1	2	2	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 10c. Which of the following steps would you like to see the new president, whoever he is, take during his transition? **(ACCEPT AS MANY RESPONSES AS APPLY.)** \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Form commissions from both parties to study Social Security and Medicare.....	62	<b>[153]</b>
Appoint members of the opposite party to his Cabinet.....	30	>
Meet with the losing candidate.....	22	
Change his policy positions to further accommodate the other side. .	12	
Other (VOL).....	3	
None of these (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	5	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 11a. As you may know, the new Congress will be closely divided between the two political parties, with the new Senate divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans. Do you think this will mean that the new Congress will cooperate more to get things done or that there will be even more partisan gridlock than before? \*

Congress will cooperate more.....	26	<b>[154]</b>
More partisan gridlock.....	61	
Same as before (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11b. Please tell me which one of the following people you currently consider to be the voice of the Democratic Party. \*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

Bill Clinton.....	28	<b>[155]</b>
Al Gore.....	23	
Dick Gephardt.....	12	
Hillary Clinton.....	10	
Joe Lieberman.....	5	
Bill Bradley.....	5	
Jesse Jackson.....	4	
None of these/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	9	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 11c. Now, please tell me which one of the following people you currently consider to be the voice of the Republican Party? \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

George W. Bush.....	41	<b>[156]</b>
Dick Cheney.....	20	
John McCain.....	11	
Trent Lott.....	9	
Tom DeLay.....	4	
Dennis Hastert.....	2	
None of these/other (VOL).....	4	
Not sure.....	9	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**(ASKED ONLY ON DECEMBER 8-10)**

- 11c1. If the election were held today, who would you vote for--George W. Bush or Al Gore?

George W. Bush.....	48	<b>[428]</b>
Al Gore.....	47	
Not sure.....	5	

- 11d. Taking into account everything that has happened over the past few weeks, who do you think ought to be president--George W. Bush or Al Gore?

George W. Bush.....	51	<b>[157]</b>
Al Gore.....	40	
Not sure.....	9	

**Switching subjects . . .**

- 12a. When you think of the Clinton presidency, what is the first thing that you think about--what comes to mind?  
**[158-164] \***

Economy in good shape, economic growth, strong economy	17%
Monica Lewinsky	15
Scandals, problems, affairs, behavior	13
Good job, good president	8
Lying, untruthful, deceiving, dishonest	8
Don't know; no response	4%

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 12b. When it comes to President Clinton's leaving office, would you say that you are going to miss him, or not?

Going to miss him.....	40	<b>[165]</b>
Not going to miss him.....	55	
Depends (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	2	

13a. Would you say that the country is better off or worse off than it was eight years ago? \*

Better off.....	72	[166]
Worse off.....	15	
About the same (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	4	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

13b. Would you say that the country is better off or worse off under the Clinton Administration than it was eight years ago? \*\*

Better off.....	68	[167]
Worse off.....	18	
About the same (VOL).....	10	
Not sure.....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

14. Compared with the past several presidents, do you feel that Bill Clinton will turn out to have been one of the very best presidents, better than most, not as good as most, or definitely worse than most?

	<u>12/00</u>	<u>1/99</u>	
One of the very best.....	13	12	[168]
Better than most.....	44	38	
Not as good as most.....	24	26	
Definitely worse than most.....	16	19	
Not sure.....	3	5	

	<i>George Bush 1989<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Ronald Reagan 1981<sup>2</sup></i>
One of the very best.....	7	11
Better than most.....	48	44
Not as good as most.....	31	28
Definitely worse than most.....	6	9
Not sure.....	8	8

<sup>1</sup> Results from a 1989 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

<sup>2</sup> Results from a 1981 survey conducted by Lou Harris.

15a. I'm going to read you a list of accomplishments often attributed to the Clinton presidency, and I'd like you to choose one or two that you think are his biggest successes. (ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE

Economic growth and job development.....	42	[169-170]
Reducing the debt and providing a budget surplus.....	34	>
Reforming the welfare system.....	16	
Keeping America out of war.....	14	
Improving race relations.....	9	
Improving America's standing in the world.....	6	
Reducing crime.....	6	
All of these (VOL).....	8	
None/other (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	3	



- 15b. I'm going to read you a list of failures often attributed to the Clinton presidency, and I'd like you to choose one or two that you think are his biggest failures. **(ACCEPT UP TO TWO RESPONSES.)**

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE*

His affair with Monica Lewinsky and his impeachment....	46	<b>[171-172]</b>
Setting the wrong moral tone for the country.....	32	<b>&gt;</b>
Involving U.S. troops in many disputes abroad.....	16	
International trade policies such as NAFTA.....	10	
Proposing national health care reform.....	10	
Weak national security.....	9	
Handling of gays in the military.....	9	
Raising taxes.....	7	
All of the above (VOL).....	8	
None (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	2	

- 15c. I am going to read you four statements about Bill Clinton and the job he is doing as president. Please tell me which one of these statements best describes how you feel about Bill Clinton.

**Statement A)** He is doing a good job as president, and I respect him personally

**Statement B)** He is doing a good job as president, but I do not respect him personally

**Statement C)** He is not doing a good job as president, but I respect him personally

**Statement D)** He is not doing a good job as president, and I do not respect him personally

	<u>12/00</u>	<u>9/98</u>	<u>4/98</u>	
<b>Statement A)</b> Good job/respect him.....	29	25	33	<b>[173]</b>
<b>Statement B)</b> Good job/do not respect him.....	46	50	45	
<b>Statement C)</b> Not good job/respect him.....	2	2	2	
<b>Statement D)</b> Not good job/do not respect him...	21	23	19	
None (VOL).....	1	-	-	
Not sure.....	1	-	1	

16. I'm going to read you a list of issues. For each one, please tell me whether President Clinton and his administration made things better, made things worse, or did not make a difference either way.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY MADE THINGS BETTER

	Made Things Better	Made Things Worse	Did Not Make A Difference Either Way	Not Sure	
The economy *	73	5	20	2	[177]
Dealing with the deficit **	66	6	22	6	[209]
Civil rights **	46	8	38	8	[180]
Education *	45	13	39	3	[178]
America's standing in the world **	44	25	27	4	[210]
The environment *	41	8	44	7	[176]
Trade agreements **	40	24	22	14	[211]
Health care **	31	20	45	4	[208]
Social Security *	24	13	53	10	[175]
National defense *	23	36	33	8	[179]
Taxes *	22	28	43	7	[174]
Moral values **	8	67	22	3	[212]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

17. Now I would like to read you a list of qualities by which a president might be judged. For each item, I would like you to tell me how you would rate Bill Clinton on that quality using a scale from one to five, on which a "5" means that you would give him a very good rating, a "1" means that you would give him a very poor rating, and a "3" means that you would give him a mixed rating. You may use any number from one to five, depending on how strongly you feel.

	Very Good 4-5	3	Very Poor 1-2	Cannot Rate	
<b>His ethical and moral values</b>					<b>[213]</b>
December 2000 *	11	15	74	-	
January 1999	13	19	67	1	
September 1998	10	16	73	1	
December 1995	37	32	30	1	
October 1995	40	31	28	1	
July 1995	32	32	35	1	
April 21-25, 1995	36	31	32	1	
January 1995	32	30	37	1	
October 1994	26	37	36	1	
May 1994	32	29	36	3	
January 1994	33	35	30	2	
October 1993	43	30	26	1	
January 1993	50	29	20	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.17 (cont'd)	Very Good 4-5	3	Very Poor 1-2	Cannot Rate	
<b>Caring about average people</b>					[214]
December 2000 *.....	49	27	24	-	
January 1999.....	53	22	25	-	
September 1998.....	52	22	26	-	
December 1995.....	52	27	21	-	
July 1995.....	50	23	26	1	
April 21-25, 1995.....	58	18	22	2	
January 1995.....	56	23	21	-	
<b>Serving as commander-in-chief</b>					[215]
December 2000 *.....	45	25	30	-	
January 1999.....	51	18	30	1	
September 1998.....	51	20	28	1	
December 1995.....	38	28	33	1	
October 1995.....	40	29	29	2	
July 1995.....	34	28	37	1	
April 21-25, 1995.....	37	31	31	1	
January 1995.....	34	34	31	1	
October 1994.....	37	26	36	1	
June 1994.....	31	34	34	1	
May 1994.....	32	37	30	1	
January 1994.....	40	29	29	2	
October 1993.....	32	32	35	1	
January 1993.....	43	39	16	2	
<b>Being effective and getting things done</b>					[216]
December 2000 *.....	51	32	17	-	
January 1999.....	63	21	16	-	
September 1998.....	54	27	19	-	
December 1995.....	27	34	39	-	
<b>Being a role model for our children</b>					[217]
December 2000 *.....	10	16	74	-	
January 1999.....	12	19	68	1	
September 1998.....	10	17	73	-	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Q.17 (cont'd)	Very Good 4-5	3	Very Poor 1-2	Cannot Rate	
<b>Telling the truth</b>					<b>[218]</b>
December 2000 *	7	18	75	-	
January 1999.....	11	21	68	-	
September 1998.....	8	15	77	-	
December 1995.....	28	30	39	3	
October 1995.....	32	31	34	3	
July 1995.....	27	30	41	2	
April 21-25, 1995.....	30	29	39	2	
January 1995.....	25	32	41	2	
June 1994.....	26	28	43	3	
May 1994.....	28	28	40	4	
<b>Being consistent and standing up for his beliefs</b>					<b>[219]</b>
December 2000 *	42	26	32	-	
January 1999.....	45	20	34	1	
September 1998.....	34	24	41	1	
December 1995.....	40	22	38	-	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

18. Did you vote for Bill Clinton in 1992, in 1996, in both years, or have you never voted for him? <sup>1</sup>

Voted for him in 1992.....	5	<b>[220]</b>
Voted for him in 1996.....	6	
Voted for him both times.....	34	
Never voted for him.....	40	
Did not vote at all/too young to vote (VOL)....	14	
Not sure.....	1	

<sup>1</sup> Respondents who say they are not registered (Q.1) are combined with "Did not vote at all/too young to vote (VOL)".

19. Do you think that President Clinton's impeachment problems were primarily of his own making, primarily a result of his political enemies being out to get him, or a combination of both?

Problems of his own making.....	39	<b>[221]</b>
Political enemies out to get him.....	14	
Combination of both.....	47	
Not sure.....	-	

- 20a. How much of the time did you think you could trust President Clinton to do what was right--almost all the time, most of the time, some of the time, or never? \*

Almost all the time.....	17	<b>[222]</b>
Most of the time.....	31	
Some of the time.....	36	
Never.....	15	
Not sure.....	1	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 20b. Independent Counsel Robert Ray is pursuing an investigation of potential obstruction of justice and other alleged wrongdoing during the Monica Lewinsky affair. This investigation could lead to charges being filed against President Bill Clinton after he leaves office. Which of the following two statements comes closer to your point of view?

**Statement A:** If the evidence suggests that President Clinton might have broken the law, he should be prosecuted.

**Statement B:** President Clinton already has been through the impeachment process, and the matter should be dropped for the good of the country. \*\*

<b>Statement A:</b> President Clinton should be prosecuted...	37	<b>[223]</b>
<b>Statement B:</b> The matter should be dropped.....	61	
Neither (VOL).....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

### Changing subjects . . .

- 21a. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about how the federal government will serve the people over the next year?

Optimistic.....	55	<b>[224]</b>
Pessimistic.....	29	
Some of both/mixed (VOL).....	11	
Not sure.....	5	

- 21b. Which of these four statements best describes your view of the federal government--(a) it is healthy and vibrant and working well, (b) it is okay and needs only small reforms, (c) it is not working well and needs large reforms, or (d) it is unhealthy and stagnant?

<b>(A)</b> Healthy/vibrant/working well.....	6	<b>[225]</b>
<b>(B)</b> Okay/needs only small reforms.....	49	
<b>(C)</b> Not working well/needs large reforms...	35	
<b>(D)</b> Unhealthy/stagnant.....	8	
Not sure.....	2	

22a. I am going to read a list of institutions in American society, and I'd like you to tell me how much confidence you have in each one--a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or none at all?

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OR QUITE A BIT OF CONFIDENCE

	<u>A Great Deal Of Confidence</u>	<u>Quite A Bit Of Confidence</u>	<u>Some Confidence</u>	<u>Very Little Confidence</u>	<u>No Confidence At All</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The military **.....	36	27	25	7	3	2	[233]
Small business **.....	31	28	27	8	3	3	[237]
The high-tech industry *.....	26	28	31	9	2	4	[226]
The Supreme Court **.....	27	25	32	8	5	3	[234]
Your local government **.....	18	20	38	14	8	2	[235]
Your state government *.....	13	25	42	15	4	1	[228]
The financial industry *.....	11	25	45	13	4	2	[229]
Public schools **.....	14	18	36	20	11	1	[238]
The federal government *.....	9	19	52	14	5	1	[231]
Congress **.....	10	16	48	18	6	2	[232]
Large corporations *.....	9	17	42	22	8	2	[230]
The national news media *.....	7	13	39	25	15	1	[227]
The entertainment industry **.....	8	9	31	26	23	3	[236]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

22b. Which level of government do you currently have the most trust in--the federal government, your state government, or your local government?

Federal government.....	25	[239]
State government.....	29	
Local government.....	36	
Not sure.....	10	

- 23a. Now I'm going to read you some things that institutions are supposed to do. For each item that I read, I'd like you to tell me whether **(a)** you think that the institution is strong and working well, **(b)** you think that the institution is doing only a fair job but will improve, **(c)** you are losing confidence in the institution and are worried that it is not working very well, or **(d)** you have already lost confidence in the institution because it is no longer working well.

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY INSTITUTION IS STRONG OR DOING ONLY A FAIR JOB

	<b>(A)</b> Institution Is Strong/ Working Well	<b>(B)</b> Institution Is Doing Only A Fair Job/Will Improve	<b>(C)</b> Losing Confidence In Institution/ Worried Not Working	<b>(D)</b> Already Lost Confidence In Institution/ No Longer Working	Not Sure	
The high-tech industry responding to the challenges facing society **....	42	39	11	3	5	[248]
Colleges and universities providing good education *.....	34	42	18	4	2	[244]
Financial institutions protecting your investments and money *.....	25	49	19	5	2	[241]
Churches and religious organizations setting the right moral tone and values for the country *.....	35	37	19	7	2	[240]
Local government dealing with important issues the public cares about **.....	22	47	20	9	2	[245]
Federal courts properly dealing with the issues before them **.....	22	44	24	7	3	[246]
Congress dealing with the important issues the public cares about *.....	8	38	39	13	2	[242]
The news media fairly and accurately reporting the news **.....	15	29	31	23	2	[249]
The health care industry providing good care *.....	12	31	39	17	1	[243]
The entertainment industry providing quality entertainment for the whole family **.....	10	25	31	31	3	[247]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

- 23b. Which do you think is a bigger threat to America--actions taken by the government sector, such as election boards, judges, and Congress, or actions taken by the private sector, such as banks, the news media, and the entertainment industry? \*

Government sector actions are bigger threat. . .	34	[250]
Private sector actions are bigger threat.....	46	
Both are threats (VOL).....	11	
Neither are threats (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	6	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24a. Over the past forty years, the U.S. has faced several difficult challenges to its political system. For each one I mention, please tell me how serious a challenge to the U.S. political system you have considered it to be--very serious, fairly serious, just somewhat serious, or not so serious? \*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR FAIRLY SERIOUS

	<u>Very Serious</u>	<u>Fairly Serious</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Serious</u>	<u>Not So Serious</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
1963--the assassination of John F. Kennedy and civil rights demonstrations. .	80	9	7	3	1	[257]
1968--the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy, and riots in American cities.....	78	11	7	3	1	[256]
Late 1960s--the war in Vietnam and protests against the military draft.....	72	11	11	4	2	[255]
2000--the presidential election has yet to be decided and is currently being contested in the courts.....	59	14	16	10	1	[251]
1973-1974--the Watergate scandal and the resignation of President Nixon.....	55	16	17	9	3	[254]
1986--the Iran/Contra investigation and revelation that the U.S. government was selling arms for hostages.....	52	16	20	9	3	[253]
1999--the impeachment of President Clinton and the trial in the U.S. Senate.....	42	14	24	19	1	[252]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 24b. Now let me read you a series of challenges our country has faced. For each one of these challenges, please tell me whether you think it shows that our democratic system is strong and working well, or whether you think it shows that our system is not strong and not working well. \*\*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS STRONG

	<u>Democratic System Is Strong/ Working Well</u>	<u>Democratic System Is Not Strong/Not Working Well</u>	<u>Depends (VOL)</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Decisions made by Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve.....	61	18	5	16	[265]
Having a Congress that is evenly divided.....	57	32	5	6	[260]
The court decisions in the presidential election.....	38	51	6	5	[262]
Impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.....	36	55	4	5	[258]
Deciding who won the 2000 election.....	25	67	5	3	[259]
The fact that fifty percent of eligible voters actually voted.....	25	67	4	4	[263]
The role of interest groups in election campaigns.....	24	64	4	8	[264]
The way America votes and counts ballots. .	18	75	5	2	[261]

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).



25. I'm going to read you a list of possible measures that could be taken to improve the way Americans vote. For each one, please tell me whether you favor or oppose this measure. \*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY FAVOR

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Uniform ballot standards so that ballots are the same all over the country.....	95	4	1	[267]
Federal or state subsidies to cities and counties to buy new voting equipment.....	81	15	4	[266]
Holding elections on weekends or holidays.....	39	56	5	[269]
Returning to the system of using only paper ballots.....	31	61	8	[272]
More voting by mail.....	27	66	7	[268]
Internet voting.....	23	72	5	[270]
Having the voting system remain the same without making changes.....	19	78	3	[271]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 26a. Generally speaking, do you think that allowing voting over the Internet is a good idea or a bad idea?

	<u>12/00*</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
Internet voting is a good idea.....	22	46	[273]
Internet voting is a bad idea.....	72	46	
Not sure.....	6	8	

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

- 26b. Now I'm going to ask you to compare a traditional voting booth with voting over the Internet. For each item I mention, please tell me whether you think that a traditional voting booth or voting over the Internet would be a better method for addressing that concern. If you think that both would be equally good or that neither would be good for addressing a concern, just say so. \*

THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY TRADITIONAL VOTING BOOTH BETTER

	<u>Traditional Voting Booth Would Be Better</u>	<u>Internet Voting Would Be Better</u>	<u>Both Equally Good</u>	<u>Neither Good</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Ensuring the privacy of your vote.....	78	8	8	2	4	[274]
Preventing fraud.....	70	9	6	9	6	[276]
Ensuring an accurate vote count.....	64	17	9	5	5	[277]
Encouraging greater voter participation....	41	39	10	5	5	[275]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

Turning to another topic . . .

27. Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

	<u>12/00</u>	<u>10/00+</u>	<u>6/00+</u>	<u>3/00</u>	<u>12/99</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>7/97</u>	<u>6/97</u>	
Will be an economic recession.....	43	26	30	31	23	30	22	15	[278]
Will not be an economic recession.....	43	55	53	55	66	56	68	77	
Not sure.....	14	19	17	14	11	14	10	8	
		<u>4/97</u>	<u>1/97</u>	<u>3/96</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/15-18/90</u>	<u>9/4-5/90</u>	
		19	23	32	73	66	51	58	
		70	67	53	19	24	35	30	
		11	10	15	8	10	14	12	
		<u>8/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>		
		57	25	30	23	31	31		
		26	49	57	64	56	56		
		17	26	13	13	14	13		

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28a. Thinking ahead to a year from now, do you think that the value of the stock market will be much higher, somewhat higher, about the same, somewhat lower, or much lower than it is today?

	<u>12/00**</u>	<u>4/00+</u>	<u>3/00+</u>	<u>10/99</u>	<u>4/99</u>	<u>1/99</u>	<u>7/98</u>	<u>12/97</u>	
Much higher.....	4	6	8	6	7	5	6	7	[279]
Somewhat higher.....	25	30	30	24	26	27	30	31	
About the same.....	35	35	35	39	35	35	32	35	
Somewhat lower.....	23	14	11	22	17	16	19	15	
Much lower.....	4	6	5	4	7	6	7	4	
Not sure.....	9	9	11	5	8	11	6	8	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

28b. Have recent declines in the stock market affected any of your household spending decisions? \*\*

Yes, have affected spending decisions.....	23	[280]
No, have not affected spending decisions.....	76	
Not sure.....	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

28c. Do you think the uncertainty over the outcome of the presidential election has or has not hurt the economy? \*\*

Has hurt the economy.....	61	[308]
Has not hurt the economy.....	35	
Not sure.....	4	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

29. Do you plan to spend more money on holiday shopping this year than you did last year, less money, or about the same amount?

	<u>12/00**</u>	<u>12/98</u>	<u>12/91</u>	<u>10/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>12/87</u>	<u>10/87</u>	
Plan to spend more money.....	15	14	9	6	10	16	11	<b>[309]</b>
Plan to spend less money.....	28	30	47	47	46	28	30	
Plan to spend about the same amount of money.....	56	53	43	46	44	55	58	
Not sure.....	1	3	1	1	-	1	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

+ Results shown reflect responses among registered voters.

- 30a. How much of your holiday shopping are you planning to do or have you done over the Internet--all of it, most of it, some of it, or none of it?

	<u>12/00**</u>		<u>12/99</u>	
All of it.....	-		1	<b>[310]</b>
Most of it.....	3	<b>CONTINUE</b>	3	
Some of it.....	23		18	
None of it.....	72	<b>Skip to Q.30c</b>	77	
Not sure.....	2	<b>Skip to Factuals</b>	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO PLAN TO DO AT LEAST SOME OF THEIR HOLIDAY SHOPPING OVER THE INTERNET IN Q.30a.)**

- 30b. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you are planning to do or have done your holiday shopping over the Internet?

	<u>12/00**</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
It is more convenient and I avoid the holiday rush at stores.....	49	54	<b>[311]</b>
It is easier to compare prices and find deals.....	16	21	
There is a greater selection of items.....	7	8	
The merchant ships the gift directly to the recipient.....	8	6	
All of these (VOL).....	14	7	
None/other (VOL).....	5	3	
Not sure (VOL).....	1	1	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**(ASK ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT PLAN TO DO ANY OF THEIR HOLIDAY SHOPPING OVER THE INTERNET IN Q.30a.)**

30c. Which one of the following reasons best describes why you are NOT planning to do any holiday shopping over the Internet?

	<u>12/00**</u>	<u>12/99</u>	
I don't like giving credit card information over the Internet.....	26	30	<b>[312]</b>
I prefer to see the product in person before purchasing it.....	23	28	
I don't use the Internet very much.....	7	12	
I enjoy going to stores.....	8	9	
I do not have a computer or regular access to the Internet.....	25	NA	
All of these VOL).....	5	8	
None/other (VOL).....	5	11	
Not sure (VOL).....	1	2	

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

**FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.**

F1. How old are you? **(IF "REFUSED," ASK:)** Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	<b>[313-314]</b>
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	9	
35-39.....	9	
40-44.....	11	
45-49.....	12	
50-54.....	9	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	6	
65-69.....	5	
70-74.....	5	
75 and over.....	7	
Refused.....	2	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	1	<b>[315-316]</b>
Some high school.....	6	
High school graduate.....	30	
Some college, no degree.....	17	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	10	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	21	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years postgraduate work/master's degree....	9	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Are you currently employed?

(IF "CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) What type of work do you do?

(IF "NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED," ASK:) Are you a student, a homemaker, retired, or unemployed and looking for work?

<u>Currently Employed</u>		
Professional/ manager.....	26	[317-318]
White-collar worker.....	21	
Blue-collar worker.....	17	
Farmer, rancher.....	-	
<u>Not Currently Employed</u>		
Student.....	2	
Homemaker.....	7	
Retired.....	23	
Unemployed, looking for work.....	2	
Other.....	-	
Not sure.....	2	

F4. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (IF NOT SURE, CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.") (IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	24	[325]
Not very strong Democrat.....	8	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	17	
Independent/lean Republican.....	8	
Not very strong Republican.....	9	
Strong Republican.....	17	
Other.....	6	
Not sure/nothing.....	2	

F5. Thinking about your general approach to issues, do you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal.....	23	[326]
Moderate.....	39	
Conservative.....	33	
Not sure.....	5	

F6. Are you currently single and never married, married, separated, widowed, or divorced?

Single.....	22	[327]
Married.....	57	
Separated.....	2	
Widowed.....	8	
Divorced.....	10	
Other (VOL).....	-	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F7. Do you have any children under age 18 currently living in your household?

Yes, kids under 18 in household.....	35	<b>[328]</b>
No, no kids under 18 in household.....	64	
Not sure.....	1	

F8. In what religion were you brought up?

Protestant.....	48	<b>CONTINUE</b>	<b>[329]</b>
Catholic.....	31		
Jewish.....	3		
Other.....	11	<b>Skip to Q.F10</b>	
None.....	5		
Not sure/refused.....	2		

**(ASK ONLY OF PROTESTANTS IN Q.F8.)**

F9. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or an evangelical Christian, or would you not describe yourself that way?

Fundamentalist/evangelical.....	17	<b>[330]</b>
Neither fundamentalist nor evangelical.....	26	
Not sure.....	5	
Non-Protestants (Q.F8).....	52	

F10. How often do you attend services at a church, synagogue, or other place of worship?

Never.....	17	<b>[331]</b>
Once a year.....	7	
A few times a year.....	18	
Once a month.....	7	
About twice a month.....	11	
Once a week or more often.....	37	
Not sure.....	3	

F11. Are you a member of a labor union? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** Is anyone else in this household a member of a labor union?

Labor union member.....	10	<b>[332]</b>
Labor union household.....	6	
Non-union household.....	82	
Not sure.....	2	

F12. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background? **(IF "NO," ASK:)** What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	8	<b>[333]</b>
White.....	77	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

- F13. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	3	[334]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	12	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	12	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	11	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	19	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	9	
More than \$100,000.....	10	
Not sure/refused.....	16	